amounts allocated to the important Rural and Urban Employment Schemes and the utilisation thereof by the Government of Gujarat during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The main reasons for the less utilisation of the allocated amounts during 1993-94 have been stated by the Government of Gujarat as the time taken in the preliminary works such as registration of labourers, preparation of suitable shelf of projects and the introduction of Employment Assurance Scheme and JRY-II in the mid-year.

(c) The State Government has stated that the unspent balances are likely to be utilised during the current year (1994-95).

Statement

Amounts allocated for some of the important Rural & Urban Employment Schemes in Gujarat during 1993-94 & 1994-95 *alongwith utilisation thereof*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	1993-94 *Allocation	1993-94 Utilisation	1994-95 Allocation	1994-95 Utilisation@
IRDP	3090.00	3354.85	3063.00	1304.27
JRY 1st Stream	9037.55	10533.51	9947.86	3242.25
2nd Stream	3887.50	1182.44	3887.50	1225.65
EAS	606.25**	146.21	2425.00	131.72
NRY	354.19	359.90	410.67	104.98$

*Includes Central & State Share.

** Funds released.

@ Utilisation up to September, 1994.

$ Utilisation up to 30th November, 1994.

Per Capita Income

1891. SHRI JOYANTA ROY:

SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita income in India is on the decline since 1990;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the increase of the per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. While the Per Capita Net National Product at constant prices of 1980-81 declined from Rs. 2213 in 1990-91 to Rs. 2167 in 1991-92, it increased to Rs. 2216 in 1992-93 and further to Rs. 2255 in 1993-94.

(c) The growth oriented policies of the Government, investments and programmes under the Eighth Five Year Plan and the process of ongoing economic reforms will help to increase the per capita income.

Scheme Relating to Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

1892. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the "Pioneer" of November 19, 1994 under the caption "Government finds it tough to meet target on water scheme";

(b) if so, what are the facts and necessary details in this regard;

(c) whether the Planning Commission had set up a Working Group of field experts to prepare a blueprint for the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) scheme, especially geared towards the needs of small town and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Working Group have submitted the blueprint and if so, what are its details; and

(e) what are the details of the State-wise targets sought to be achieved under this programme together with the actual achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Report is full of anomalies and, therefore, it is not possible to draw any conclusion out of the same.

The factual position and details are like this. In connection with the formulation of the Eighth Plan (1990—95), a Working Group on "Urban Water Supply and Sanitation" was constituted by the Planning Commission. The Group estimated a requirement of Rs. 8850 crores for Urban Water Supply to achieve 100% population coverage. In the context of the Eighth Plan (1992—97), the Ministry of Urban Development re-estimated the updated requirement at Rs. 14.844 crores which included a requirement of Rs. 1400 crores for water supply to small towns with population less than 20,000. Due to financial constraints and other competing demands, the Plan included an outlay of Rs. 5982.28 crores in the State/UT Plans and Central Plan and suggested that the future project on urban water supply should increasingly rely on institutional finance.

As regards allocation of Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for small towns with population less than 20,000, the correct figures are as under:

States	Amount allocated	
	As indicated in the report of Pioneer	Correct figures as per Min. of Urban Dev.
Bihar	Rs. 26.06 crores	Rs. 61.15 lakhs
J. & K.	Rs. 5.91 crores	Rs. 5.91 lakhs
Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 296.27 crores	Rs. 296.27 lakhs
Delhi	Rs. 1.77 crores	Rs. 1.77 lakhs

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Due to the financial constraint and other competing demands, the Eighth Plan included an outlay of Rs. 50 crores only in the Central Plan with the matching provision in the State Sector to initiate the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for small towns with population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census). As the total estimated financial requirement was much larger at about Rs. 1400 crores, it was not possible to fix up any definite physical target.

As regards the actual achievement, it is stated that the first release of Central assistance to States by the Ministry of Urban Development under the scheme amounting to Rs. 11.715 crores as 25% of the Central share of the total approved project cost in respect of 147 towns in the country could be possible only towards the end of March 1994. So far none of the State Governments have reported progress of work done.

Committee on Water Rates Charged from the Farmers

1893. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee on water rates charged from the farmers;

(b) if so, whether Government are seriously contemplating an increase in the water rates charged from the farmers;

(c) if so, whether there was any interaction with the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission had set-up a Committee as an Internal Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Vaidyanathan in October 1991 to study the present status of irrigation water pricing in various states, its impact on financial management of irrigation works and to suggest remedial measures. Amongst the members on the Committee, there were six members from the selected States also. The above Committee has since submitted their Report to Planning Commission in September 1992. Subsequently, the Planning Commission have set up a Group of Officials including representatives from selected nine States to go into the recommendations made in the Report. Irrigation being a "State subject", decision on water rates can be taken only by the State Governments and Union Territories.